

***Prayer After Communion:**

Pastor: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

***Blessing**

Pastor: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

***Recessional Hymn:**

The Church's One Foundation

LBW 369

***Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Dave Lamar Walter Maul Carolyn Pinos Ava Stancovich Emma Rosman

This morning, Jack Seymour, an authorized lay worship leader in the Allegheny Synod, ELCA, will distribute the gifts of bread and wine.

The next youth event will be on November 16, from 2-4 pm., at the church. We will be moving King of Kings. ALL are welcome ... we're all youth.

BEDFORD CANDY ORDERS is due November 15. Delivery date November 23. There is a form posted on the narthex door for anyone interested in ordering.

YOUTH PLAY: The youth will be presenting a play during the Christmas Eve service. Sunday School will be shortened to allow practice time for the youth.

Sunday school is following church service today. If your child is in service today, they are welcome to attend. If anyone is interested in helping with Sunday school, please contact Sonny at 814-691-2349. Thank you.

Next social hour is next Sunday, November 2, following worship service. Please sign up on the door in the narthex, if you would like to contribute to snacks. Thank you.

Next Council meeting will be on Monday, November 3 at 6:30 pm.

If you are one of the people that Gary pointed to and you forgot to let a member of Council know how you would love to be 1 of the 3 volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Please see Tom Cordwell or any council member. TBH ... we are still looking for 3 volunteers.

If anyone in need of Pastoral care, please call the Allegheny Synod Office, at (814) 942-1042 to make needed arrangements.

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Worship Sundays at 9:00 am

Reformation Sunday October 26, 2025



Communion Hospitality

Lutheran Christians believe Christ is truly present in his supper. By faith we receive his Body and Blood "in, with, and under" the forms: of bread and wine for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. All baptized Christians who desire to receive Jesus in his sacrament, are welcome to commune.

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Setting I

Parish Announcements

Prelude

*= Stand (The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

*Announcements:

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **C: Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.

Pastor: Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. **Amen.**

Pastor: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

***Entrance Hymn:** **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** **LBW 229**

***Pastor:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

***Kyrie** **p. 57**

***Hymn of Praise: Glory to God in the highest ...** **p. 58**

***Prayer of the Day:** **Pastor:** The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 **L:** The word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 46 **(Read Responsively)**

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28 **L:** The word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

***The Verse** **p. 62**

***Holy Gospel:** John 8:31-36 **C: Glory to you O Lord**

C: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day** **Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word** **LBW 230**

***Nicene Creed**

*Prayers of the Church

Pastor: **God of grace,** **C: hear our prayer.**

***Passing of Peace** **Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**
The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord; and then be seated.

Offering **The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.**

***Offertory** **"Let the Vineyards"** **p. 66**

*Offertory Prayer

Pastor: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **C: Amen.**

Liturgy of Holy Communion

***Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus** **p. 68**

***When our brothers and sisters at Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg gathered for worship, they heard again the story of God's mighty acts and the love shown to us in Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and they shared the holy meal of the Lord's Supper. Now, I bring to you this same word of life, and this same bread and cup of blessing, so that we may share these gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.**

Gathered at the Lord's table, our brothers and sisters in Christ celebrated with thanksgiving that "In the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given to you. Do this in remembrance of me. Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." This is the supper our Lord Jesus Christ, and this meal is shared with assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This bread and cup, shared in the gathering of our faith, are now given here for you.

***The Lord's Prayer** **p. 71**

*Invitation to Communion:

Pastor: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

***Agnes Dei** **"Lamb of God"** **p. 72**
As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:
"The body of Christ, given for you.' & 'The blood of Christ, shed for you.'
After each, the communicant may say: 'Amen.'

Distribution

Communion Hymn: **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less** **LBW 294**

***Post Communion Blessing** **p. 72**